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#### **SYNOPSIS**

Prohibits investment by State of pension and annuity funds in companies manufacturing, importing, and selling assault firearms for civilian use.

#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the Senate on May 13, 2013.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/31/2013)

AN ACT prohibiting the investment by the State of pension and annuity funds in companies manufacturing <sup>1</sup>**I**, importing, and selling <sup>1</sup><sup>2</sup>, importing, and selling <sup>2</sup> assault firearms for civilian use, and supplementing P.L.1950, c.270 (C.52:18A-79 et seq.).

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

- 1. a. As used in this section:
- "Assault firearm" means "assault firearm" as the term is defined in subsection w. of N.J.S.2C:39-1.

"Equity tie" means manufacturing plants, employees or advisors, facilities or an investment of any kind, including an ownership stake in one or more subsidiaries or joint ventures with one or more companies.

- b. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no assets of any pension or annuity fund under the jurisdiction of the Division of Investment in the Department of the Treasury, or its successor, shall be invested in any company that has an equity tie to manufacturers <sup>1</sup>[, importers or sellers]<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>, importers or sellers<sup>2</sup> of assault firearms for civilian use. The prohibition shall not apply to companies that manufacture <sup>1</sup>[, import or sell]<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>, import or sell<sup>2</sup> assault firearms for the exclusive use by nations' official military organizations and law enforcement agencies.
- c. The State Investment Council and the Director of the Division of Investment shall take appropriate action to divest any investment held in violation of subsection b. of this section. This section shall not be construed to require the premature or otherwise imprudent divestment of an investment, but such divestment shall be completed not later than three years following the effective date of P.L., c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
- d. Within 60 days after the effective date of P.L., c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) the Director of the Division of Investment shall file with the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), a report of all investments held as of the effective date that are in violation of subsection b. of this section. Every year thereafter, the director shall report on all investments divested in compliance with subsection c. of this section.
- Each report after the initial report shall provide a description of the progress that the division has made since the previous report and since the enactment of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) in implementing subsection b. of this section.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Senate SBA committee amendments adopted May 9, 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted May 13, 2013.

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1 e. State Investment Council members, jointly and individually, 2 and State officers and employees involved therewith, shall be 3 indemnified and held harmless by the State of New Jersey from all 4 claims, demands, suits, actions, damages, judgments, costs, charges 5 and expenses, including court costs and attorney's fees, and against 6 all liability, losses and damages that these State Investment Council 7 members, and State officers and employees, may sustain by reason of any decision to restrict, reduce or eliminate investments pursuant 8 9 to this act.

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2. This act shall take effect immediately.